

LESSON
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RETEACHING WORKSHEET

COPYMASTER

Simile and Metaphor

Review **Similes** and **metaphors** are figures of speech that compare unlike things. A simile uses connecting words—*like* or *as*—and a metaphor does not. To find the meaning of a simile or metaphor, ask yourself three questions:

- What two unlike things are being compared?
- What qualities do they share?
- What point is the author making by highlighting these similarities?

A. Directions: Read each item, then write **S** for simile or **M** for metaphor.

- _____ 1. Suddenly the clouds were a dark blanket that hid the stars.
- _____ 2. The wind attacked the trees like a howling ghost.
- _____ 3. The raindrops were bullets that stung their faces.
- _____ 4. At the new school, I was like a fish out of water.
- _____ 5. The helicopter was a frightened bird, too nervous to land.

B. Directions: Read the poem below, then **answer** the following questions.

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen,
Snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.

—Christina Georgina Rossetti

6. Write one simile from the poem. Which two items are compared?

7. What qualities do these items share?

8. On the back of this sheet, explain what point Rossetti is making.
